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**Advisory**

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**National Guard, Marines team up with State and Locals to fight flood waters**

**Indianapolis, IN**—Soldiers and Airmen of the Indiana National Guard along with Marines and sailors have started sandbagging operations in Elnora, Ind. to assist the local community with flood water control.

Approximately 200 Soldiers from the 38th Infantry Division and other Indiana units, 140 Marines and sailors with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and state and local responders will join forces to raise the levee of the White River that is expected to crest and flood the area.

Local officials requested help raising nearly a mile of levee as much as three feet. Due to the recent rain fall they expect record levels by 9:00 am today.

"This joint effort between local, state and federal forces is what ensures Indiana is making every effort to ensure the safety and welfare of our citizens," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

The Guardsmen were dispatched to Elnora at approximately 2:30 a.m. June 9, 2008, to fill and place sandbags. About 3000 additional pre-filled sandbags are in route from Hulman Field in Terre Haute. A total of 10,000 filled bags will be distributed to the area in addition to ones being filled on site.

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